II.   AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims of the application.

1.   (Currently amended) A method of determining conflicting tasks of ~~reducing risk in~~ a business process including use of a computer processor to analyze electronic signals and data representative of the business process, the method comprising the steps of:

    dividing the business process into component tasks;

    identifying for each of the component tasks any other component task that conflicts with the component task;

    establishing at least one assigned component task performed by each person involved in the business process; and

    determining ~~which of the at least one~~ whether each assigned component task is a conflicting task by comparing each assigned component task with component tasks that are identified to conflict with other component tasks.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the steps are performed by a computer software program.

3.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of addressing any conflicting task by at least one of:

    re-assigning tasks;

    locking out network activities; and

    requiring administrative signatures.

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4.   (Currently amended) A system for determining conflicting tasks of reducing risk in a

business process, the system comprising:

means for dividing the business process into component tasks;

means for identifying for each of the component tasks any other component task that

conflicts with the component task;

means for establishing at least one assigned component task performed by each person

involved in the business process; and

means for determining which of the at least one whether each assigned component task is

a conflicting task by comparing each assigned component task with component tasks that are

identified to conflict with other component tasks.

5.   (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein the means for identifying includes a matrix

identifying conflicting tasks.

6.   (Original) The system of claim 5, wherein the means for determining compares the at

least one assigned task to the conflicting tasks on the matrix.

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7.   (Currently amended) A computer program product comprising a computer useable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein for <u>determining conflicting tasks of</u> ~~reducing risk in~~ a business process, the program product comprising:

program code configured to divide the business process into component tasks;

program code configured to identify for each of the component tasks any other component task that conflict<u>s</u> with the component task;

program code configured to establish at least one assigned <u>component</u> task performed by each person involved in the business process; and

program code configured to determine ~~which of the at least one~~ <u>whether each</u> assigned <u>component</u> task is a conflicting task <u>by comparing each assigned component task with component tasks that are identified to conflict with other component tasks</u>.

8.   (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the program code configured to identify includes a matrix identifying conflicting tasks.

9.   (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the program code configured to determine compares the at least one assigned task to the conflicting tasks on the matrix.